BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | BOSTON REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
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The BRIC interns with the BPD Chief of Police!

BOSTON POLICE

- **Mission/Goal** Community policing; "working in partnership with the community to fight crime, reduce fear and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods" (BPDnews.com)
- **Size** 20th largest LEA in the country; 3rd largest in New England (Wikipedia)
- **Organization** 8 Bureaus and 12 districts
- **Focus/Success** Utilizes unique combination of community relations and statistical analysis to reduce crime throughout city; over the last four decades, Boston has achieved a large decrease in its overall crime rate (BPDnews.com)

BOSTON REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
BRIC

- Established in 2005 as a **fusion center** to coordinate work of the federal government, private sector, and law enforcement agencies of the nine towns in the Boston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI; Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Winthrop, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, Quincy, Revere)
- Employs "critical liaison personnel" including representatives from:
  - Massachusetts State Police
  - Boston EMS
  - Boston Fire Department
  - Department of Homeland Security
  - FBI Boston Field Office
- Collects/analyzes intelligence to aid BPD in making "**more informed decisions** to combat crime and terrorism committed by individuals and organizations"
  - » Gathers information related to gang activity, violent crime, and property crime
  - » Works closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to collect/analyze counterterrorism intelligence

Source: BPDnews.com

MY ROLE: ASSISTANT CRIME ANALYST/RESEARCH ASSISTANT

STANDARD RESPONSIBILITIES

DAILY INFORMATION SUMMARY
- Assembled packets of recent gang incidents and summarized reports
- Researched arrests from Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) districts and summarized reports
- Compiled incident summaries on violent and property crime within Boston and UASI districts into BRIC's daily bulletin and distributed to appropriate parties

A numbers-only version of this summary (which the interns tally) is released on BPD's Facebook every day to keep the public informed

INFORMATION REQUESTS
- Fulfilled information retrieval requests for Boston/UASI police, correctional, and probation officers

BULLETINS
- Created ID Wanted, Wanted, Missing Person, and BOLO bulletins at request of Boston/UASI officers

IMPORTANCE: necessary work that analysts do not have time to do, but **BPD relies on**

- Took raw data from UASI crime mapping database of all property stolen from 9/2015 – 2/2016
- Utilized Excel skills to organize/categorize data
- Evaluated relationships between numerous elements of collected data and drew relevant conclusions
- **IMPORTANCE:** Created infographic representing data *(see right)* which was disseminated to entire department for awareness

SKILLS USED IN JOB
- Trend recognition in crimes occurring across the city, which required close attention to detail
- Exercising efficient work ethic in order to meet daily deadlines
- Prioritizing tasks and requests based on their importance
- Communication with other interns, analysts, and BPD personnel to ease flow of information
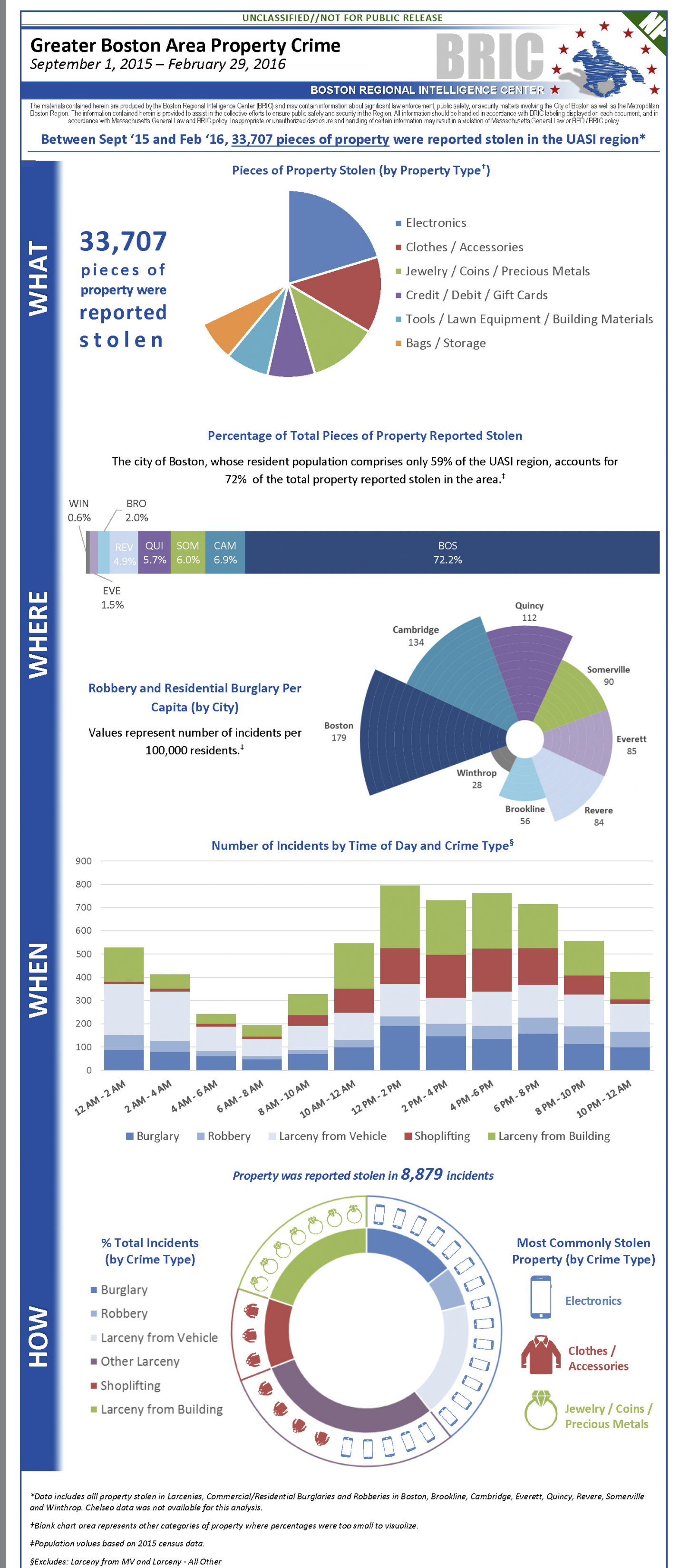
OUTCOMES
- Learned about MA-specific law and a variety of crimes (violent crime, property crime, drug crime, gang crime, etc.)
- Got a closer look at what types of crimes police are prioritizing
- Assisted one of the nation's top police department intelligence units with crucial information analysis and dissemination

Me with a sword the Chief had in his office "museum"

INTEGRATION IN CLASS
- **CRIM 1100** Community policing, police subculture, command structure, due process/probable cause, and prioritizing actions ⟶ applied to **real policing**
- **Independent Study** Played a part in Compstat and crime mapping, topics I previously researched

FUTURE DIRECTIONS
- While my plan is to go into violent crime research, I now know that I truly enjoy working in intelligence analysis and would seriously consider returning to the BRIC if my future in research does not pan out as expected

SPECIAL PROJECT

UNCLASSIFIED//NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
Greater Boston Area Property Crime
September 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016
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Between Sept '15 and Feb '16, 33,707 pieces of property were reported stolen in the UASI region*

Pieces of Property Stolen (by Property Type)
- Electronics
- Clothes / Accessories
- Jewelry / Coins / Precious Metals
- Credit / Debit / Gift Cards
- Tools / Lawn Equipment / Building Materials
- Bags / Storage

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Percentage of Total Pieces of Property Reported Stolen

The city of Boston, whose resident population comprises only 59% of the UASI region, accounts for 72% of the total property reported stolen in the area.

WIN 0.6% | BRO 2.0% | REV | QUI | SOM | CAM | BOS 72.2%
EVE 1.5% | | 4.9% 5.7% | 6.0% | 6.9% |

Robbery and Residential Burglary Per Capita (by City)
Values represent number of incidents per 100,000 residents.

Cambridge 134 | Quincy 112 | Somerville 90 | Boston 179 | Everett 85 | Winthrop 28 | Brookline 56 | Revere 84

Number of Incidents by Time of Day and Crime Type
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Larceny from Vehicle
- Shoplifting
- Larceny from Building

Property was reported stolen in 8,879 incidents

% Total Incidents (by Crime Type)
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Most Commonly Stolen Property (by Crime Type)
- Electronics
- Clothes / Accessories
- Jewelry / Coins / Precious Metals

Data includes all property stolen in Larcenies, Commercial/Residential Burglaries and Robberies in Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop. Chelsea data was not available for this analysis.
Blank chart area represents other categories of property where percentages were too small to visualize.
Population values based on 2015 census data.
Excludes: Larceny from MV and Larceny - All Other